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Applicants: Kikuji Yamashita, et al.
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MATERIALS WITH COMBINED
EXTRA-CELLULAR MATRICES,
EXTRACELLULAR-MATRIX
PREPARATIONS, AND PRODUCTION
METHODS (prior to amendment)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "B"

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2004 in the above-referenced application, applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examiner (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,114 simultaneously herewith, together with a fee for said RCE. The instant PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being filed as the "submission" related to said RCE in which the application is amended as follows: